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For: CADIUM NEGATIVE ELECTRODE FOR ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY  
AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for  
examination, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims  
previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is  
attached.

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